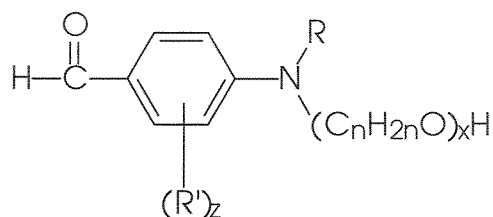


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the amended paragraphs provided below for the indicated pending paragraphs in the specification:

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 1, lines 4 to 19:

Copending application U.S. Serial No. 10/422,755, filed April 24, 2003, now U.S. Patent 7,034,185, entitled "Colorant Precursor Compositions," with the named inventors Jeffery H. Banning, Donald R. Titterington, and Clifford R. King, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses colorant precursor compounds of the formula

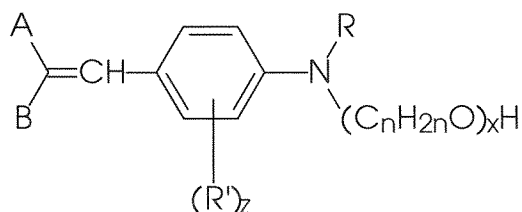


wherein R is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, and wherein R can be joined to the phenyl moiety to form a ring, each R', independently of the others, is a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a nitrile group, a nitro group, an amide group, or a sulfonamide group, z is an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, n is an integer representing the number of carbon atoms in each repeat alkylene oxide unit, and x is an integer representing the number of

repeat alkylene oxide units, wherein said colorant precursor has no more than one -OH, -SH, or primary or secondary amino group per molecule.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 1, line 20 to page 2, line 22:

Copending application U.S. Serial No. 10/422,897, filed April 24, 2003, now U.S. Patent 6,790,267, entitled "Colorant Compositions," with the named inventors Jeffery H. Banning, Donald R. Titterington, and Clifford R. King, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses colorant compounds of the formula

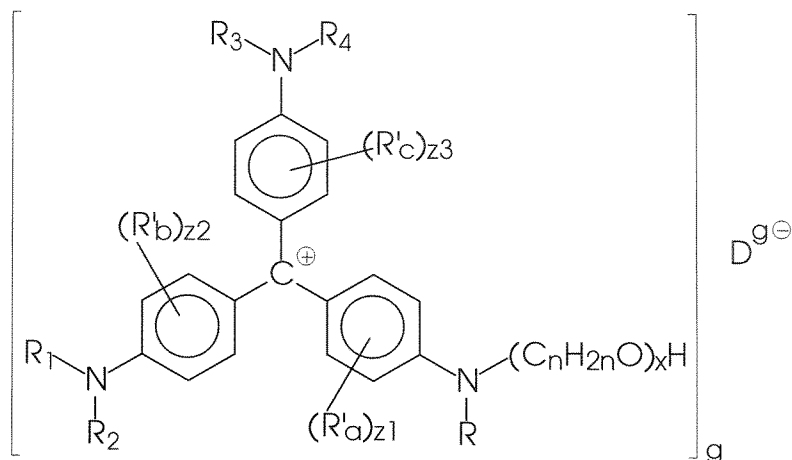


wherein R is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, and wherein R can be joined to the phenyl moiety to form a ring, each R', independently of the others, is a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a nitrile group, a nitro group, an amide group, or a sulfonamide group, z is an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, n is an integer representing the number of carbon atoms in each repeat alkylene oxide unit, x is an integer representing the number of repeat alkylene oxide units, and A and B each, independently of the other, are hydrogen atoms, halogen atoms, tertiary amino groups, imine groups, ammonium groups, cyano groups, pyridine groups, pyridinium groups,

ether groups, ester groups, amide groups, sulfate groups, sulfonate groups, sulfide groups, sulfoxide groups, phosphine groups, phosphonium groups, phosphate groups, nitrile groups, mercapto groups, nitro groups, sulfone groups, acyl groups, azo groups, cyanato groups, alkyl groups, alkoxy groups, aryl groups, aryloxy groups, arylalkyl groups, arylalkyloxy groups, alkylaryl groups, or alkylaryloxy groups, wherein said colorant has no more than one -OH, -SH, or primary or secondary amino group per molecule.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 2, line 23 to page 3, line 16:

Copending application U.S. Serial No. 10/422,895, filed April 24, 2003, now U.S. Patent 7,094,812, entitled "Colorant Compositions," with the named inventors Jeffery H. Banning, Donald R. Titterington, and Clifford R. King, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses colorant compounds of the formula

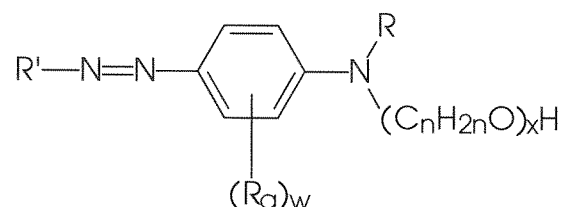


wherein R, R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ each, independently of the others, is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, and wherein R, R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ each can be joined to a phenyl moiety to form a ring, each R'_a, R'_b, and R'_c, independently of the others, is a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a nitrile group, a nitro group, an amide group, or a sulfonamide group, z₁, z₂, and z₃ each, independently of the others, is an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, n is an integer representing the number of carbon atoms in each repeat alkylene oxide unit, x is an integer representing the number of repeat alkylene oxide units, D is an anion, and g is the charge on the anion, wherein said colorant has no more than one -OH, -SH, or primary or secondary amino group per molecule.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 3, line 17 to page 4, line 13:

Application No. 10/682,561

Copending application U.S. Serial No. 10/422,742, filed April 24, 2003, now U.S. Patent 6,764,541, entitled "Colorant Compositions," with the named inventors Jeffery H. Banning, Donald R. Titterington, and Clifford R. King, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses colorant composition of the formula



wherein R is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, and wherein R can be joined to the phenyl moiety to form a ring, R' is an aromatic- or heteroaromatic-containing group, each R_a , independently of the others, is a halogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a nitrile group, a nitro group, an amide group, or a sulfonamide group, w is an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, n is an integer representing the number of carbon atoms in each repeat alkylene oxide unit, and x is an integer representing the number of repeat alkylene oxide units, wherein said colorant has no more than one $-OH$, $-SH$, or primary or secondary amino group per molecule.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 4, line 14 to page 5, line 5:

Copending Application U.S. Serial No. 10/369,981, filed February 20, 2003, now U.S. Patent 7,084,189, entitled "Phase Change Inks

With Isocyanate-Derived Antioxidants and UV Stabilizers," with the named inventors Jeffery H. Banning, Donald R. Titterington, and Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses a phase change ink composition comprising (a) a colorant and (b) the reaction product of (i) an isocyanate and (ii) an antioxidant or UV stabilizer molecule having thereon (A) at least one isocyanate-reactive hydroxyl group and/or (B) at least one isocyanate-reactive primary or secondary amino group. Also disclosed is a compound comprising the reaction product of (i) a diisocyanate, (ii) an antioxidant or UV stabilizer molecule having thereon (A) at least one isocyanate-reactive hydroxyl group and/or (B) at least one isocyanate-reactive primary or secondary amino group, and (iii) a chromophore having thereon (A) at least one isocyanate-reactive hydroxyl group and/or (B) at least one isocyanate-reactive primary or secondary amino group.